COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS & SESSION:

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE 2019-20

September 14, 2020

Exhibit 8

HUW WESTERN STATES MANAGED PUBLIC ACCESS

ALASKA

No public. Legislators encouraged to go through screening and wear a mask. Only one refused. Media and staff required to go through screening. Public allowed to participate via tv and online streaming. No in-person testimony allowed, except for administration officials and testimony deemed critical in person.

WYOMING

Special session via Zoom. Some members at capitol but met through laptops. Limited number of media members allowed. Session broadcast via the Legislature's YouTube channel. Public could email or call legislators.

HAWAII

Written testimony submitted online. Hearings and floor sessions live streamed.
Some witnesses testify via Zoom.

COLORADO



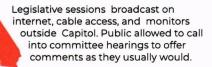
Most members of the public participated electronically, but many came in person. Sign up electronically to testify in committee or submit written testimony. Lobbyists and

media granted greater electronic access to legislators than usual. Overflow rooms, closed loop video, and strict management of witnesses. Masks required, but not enforced. Committee chairs six feet apart. A few places were available in galleries. A volunteer organization provided optional health screenings at Capitol entries and at the entry to the House or Senate, most people complied.

NEW MEXICO

Legislative Council closed the Capitol.
Decision challenged. Upheld by
Supreme Court. Public comment
allowed at discretion of chair. Public
participated through a separate access
room on Zoom that staff controlled. Two or
three offensive calls and they were terminated
quickly.

CALIFORNIA



OREGON

Capitol closed to the public and lobbyists. Members present an limited press. Committees and floor sessions online. Committees mostly virtual. Set up a walk up testimony station outside the building.

NEVADA

Proceedings streamed live on internet. Legislature hosted its own YouTube channel to help with bandwidth. Public comment taken via phone. Most public comment limited to two minutes (for the special sessions) and written testimony and handouts were encouraged. Handouts from the public posted to web.

IDAHO

Special session August 24. Plan limiting access to the committee rooms and the chamber viewing areas. Adhere to maximum occupancy limits. Viewing rooms for streamed committees and floor sessions.